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CORONAVIRUS

Movement restricted in state

Traveling outside of home allowed for food and medical care and to get some exercise

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A lone pedestrian crosses Grand Avenue in front of Los Angeles City Hall on Thursday. Gov. Gavin Newsom on Thursday ordered residents to stay at home, moments after Los Angeles County and city officials issued similar orders.

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California Gov. Gavin Newsom on Thursday ordered the state's 40 million residents to stay at home, restricting nonessential movements to control the spread of the coronavirus that threatens to overwhelm the state's medical system.

The order came mere moments after top officials from around Los Angeles County — Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti, county Supervisor Kathryn Barger, Long Beach Mayor Robert Garcia and Pasadena Mayor Terry Tornek — stood together to issue similar orders. Half the state's population already had embraced such rules by the time Newsom addressed the state.

"This is a moment we need to make tough decisions," Newsom said. "We need to recognize reality."

People may still leave their homes for walks and exercise and for essential needs such as food and medical care. Restaurant meals can still be delivered to homes.

Newsom earlier in the day asked the president to deploy a U.S. Navy medical ship to help the state expand its medical capacity and warned that more than half of California's residents could contract the new coronavirus.

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Hospitals: Medical workers fear they're not fully equipped for disease prevention

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As anxiety over coronavirus rises, front-line medical workers fear for their own health and safety even as data suggests that hospitals — both locally and nationally — might not have enough beds to handle a surge in cases.

Some health-care workers in close contact with COVID-19 patients complain that they still lack full-scale protective equipment and that what's in stock is kept behind locked doors or otherwise guarded.

Others say the rooms of infected patients aren't always isolated or clearly marked, which can lead to unintentional exposure by workers who aren't on the direct medical team.

And still others are furious that every hospital staffer who interfaces with the public

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WHERE ARE CALIFORNIANS ALLOWED TO GO FOLLOWING GOV. GAVIN NEWSOM'S ORDER?

- Gas stations
- Pharmacies
- Grocery stores, farmers markets, food banks, convenience stores, takeout and delivery restaurants
- Banks
- Laundromats/laundry services

WHAT'S CLOSED?

- Dine-in restaurants
- Bars and nightclubs
- Entertainment venues
- Gyms and fitness studios
- Public events and gatherings
- Convention centers

SOURCE: covid19.ca.gov

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Drive-thru: Riverside County's second site to open this weekend to test people as they stay in cars

By Jeff Horseman and Sandra Emerson
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Drive-thru, appointment-only testing for the novel coronavirus will be available at the baseball stadium in Lake Elsinore this weekend, Riverside County public health officials said Thursday.

The news comes as Inland Empire public health officials are working to broaden testing for COVID-19. Currently, only a site in Riverside County's Coachella Valley offers drive-by, appointment-only, tests.

Testing will take place at The Diamond from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday in parking lot C at The Diamond, 500 Diamond Drive, Lake Elsinore.

Those who want to get tested must have symptoms — fever, sore throat, coughing,

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WHITE HOUSE

Top travel restrictions put into place

Trump pushes to create vaccine options, suggests bailouts for companies

From wire reports

WASHINGTON » The U.S. fought on several fronts Thursday to stem the novel coronavirus tide as infections and deaths rose exponentially across the country and the world.

Among the moves:

- The State Department raised the warning level for travel outside of the country to its highest level, usually reserved for war zones.
- President Donald Trump heralded the slashing of red tape to hurry COVID-19 treatments to market while suggesting the U.S. could take a stake in a some companies that require a bailout.
- Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell unveiled his $1 trillion rescue package featuring $1,200 and $2,400 payouts to individuals and families, but he received some pushback from fellow Republican senators.

Travel abroad

The State Department announced that Americans should not travel outside the country and that citizens abroad should either return home or stay in place as the coronavirus pandemic grows.

The department raised its global health advisory to Level 4, or "do not travel," which is the highest warning, usually reserved for nations that are war zones or facing serious disruptions such as political unrest or natural disasters.

The announcement is a recommendation, not a requirement. Millions of Americans are still overseas and many are likely to opt to remain in place.

"If you choose to travel internationally, your travel plans may be severely disrupted and you may be forced to remain outside of the United States for an indefinite time

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SPORTS

STAFF FILE PHOTO

A FREE AGENT: The Rams released Todd Gurley, the running back with a massive contract and a history of being injured. The Rams made the move Thursday before roughly $10 million of his contract became fully guaranteed. The Rams also released linebacker Clay Mathews.

2 LAKERS HAVE COVID-19: As the number of coronavirus cases continue to rise across the country and the world on Thursday, the NBA has not been exempt. At least four teams reported positive COVID-19 test results for members of their organization, including two players on the Lakers.

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